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## **PROTECTIVE PADDING FOR SHADE POLES IN SUPERVISED EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS**

Whilst there is no reference to the padding of shade poles in Australian Standards for Playgrounds, nor is it necessary, depending on the location of poles if they are in a poor position and cannot be moved, it can be a good idea to cover the poles with padding, particularly if the poles are located too close to the play equipment.

Various kinds of materials are available from Clarks Rubber. Stores are in Shepparton, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Mildura, Albury, Traralgon, Ferntree Gully, Croydon, Bundoora, Dandenong, Preston, Nunawading, Niddrie, Clayton and Frankston in Victoria, and presumably across the country.

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